**Transforming an Object**



Title: Draining You

Tags: close up, draining you, transforming object

Self Evaluation

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| Concept | Does an outstanding job of communicating the concept. | Does an adequate job communicating the concept. | Does a poor job communicating the concept. |
| Composition | Photograph uses composition principles very effectively. | Photograph does a good job using composition principles. | Photograph does a poor job using composition principles. |
| Focus | Focus is a perfect match with the concept of the shot. | Focus is an adequate match with the concept of the shot. | Focus is a poor match with the concept of the shot. |
| Technical Aspects | Shutter speed and aperture were perfectly chosen to match concept. | Shutter speed and aperture were adequately chosen to match concept. | Shutter speed and aperture were poorly chosen and do not match the concept. |
| Depth of Field | Excellent use of depth-of-field. | Adequate use of depth-of-field. | Poor use of depth-of-field. |
| Title/tags | Title and tags were perfectly chosen and written to express the content and concept. Spelling and word choice are excellent with no mistakes. | Title and tags were adequately chosen and written to express the content and concept. Spelling and word choice are good with only minor errors. | Title and tags were poorly chosen and written to express the content and concept. Contains multiple spelling errors or wrong word choices. |
| **Instructor evaluates this section** | | | |
| Self Critique | Excellent self-assessment. Written comments meet or exceed requirements. | Adequate self-assessment. Written comments meet requirements. | Poor self-assessment. Written comments do not meet requirements. |
| Peer Critique | Excellent peer assessment. Written comments meet or exceed requirements. | Adequate peer assessment. Written comments meet requirements. | Poor peer assessment. Written comments do not meet requirements. |
| Peer Comments | Peer comments exceed expectations. | Peer comments meet expectations. One or two comments might be missing. | Three or more peer comments were missing, incomplete or poorly written. |
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| Total Points | >89% (45-50 pts.) | 80 – 89% (40 - 44 pts.) | <80% (<40 pts.) |

Critique Comments:  
When I first looked at this assignment, my mind began to think of all the items I could photograph up close or from a bird's eye view. Since I am terrified of heights, I chose to stay on the ground. I played with several shots of close up items and finally came up with this one. Although the title says "draining you," this is not an actual drain. This is the center of our patio table where you would insert the umbrella. The glass top is out of focus since I was so close to the table.  
  
I really like this photo and I am sure that I can use it in my classroom. I can add this and other photos to my truisms activity. I continue to experiment with taking close up and somewhat bird's eye view of people, places, and things. Through this class I have been a motivation for my dad to take up photography again. I am glad that we can talk about these photos and he helps me understand some of the photography jargon. Taking close up pictures is something that I will definitely try again.



Peer Critique   
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Jacki, I really like this photo. I think you captured the bee's eye view of the flower. The pink and white of the flower are a definite contrast to the green of the leaves. This makes me wonder what the bee truly sees when flying around. It looks like you used the zoom on your camera to take this picture. I have experimented with the macro function on my camera. This allows you to put the camera as close to the flower as possible and see things that the zoom function cannot. I might also crop some of the green leaves and really focus on the flower since this was a close up shot. Nice job!

Comments for Peers:

Emily-Donna, I love this shot from "down under!" I like how you can still see the texture of the grapes even though they are not the focus. It is almost like you are trying to find a way out of the woods or vines since the focus extends past the fruit. It makes me think of a great suspense moment in a novel that I can't put down. Maybe try the macro next time if you want to focus on the grapes. Experimenting with these photos has been a release for me and hopefully you'll figure out your camera. I'm still learning about mine as well. Nicely done!

Emily-Kevin, I think it is interesting to see both photos of the lichen. This photo does seem to be floating in the water. I like how it focuses on the lichen and blurs the background. Did you use a zoom lens for this photo or a different setting? I think you did a great job transforming this object.

Emily-Michael, I like the lava rocks you chose for your photo. Cameras are so unpredictable at times; you never know where it will focus next. I like how the rocks have specks of blues in them. Did you try to do a macro shot of these? It is definitely worth a try. I have been experimenting with the macro settings for various photos I have taken. Good luck with the next photos!